

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

May 21, 2024

The Honorable Michael T. McCaul
Chairman
House Foreign Affairs Committee
2170 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James Risch
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
423 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman McCaul and Ranking Member Risch:

As Members of Congress, we write to respectfully urge you to lift your hold on the State Department's request for \$94 million for the Multinational Security Support mission (MSS) to Haiti.

As you know, the situation in Haiti is dire. The people of Haiti have faced profound political, security, and humanitarian crises with dignity and determination. While the future of Haiti needs to be determined by Haitians, no nation can surmount a challenge of this scale and scope on its own.

The Biden-Harris Administration has strongly supported the establishment of the MSS, under Kenya's leadership, to pave the way for Haitian security and self-determination.

However, for over six months, congressional Republicans have refused to deliver the necessary resources to carry out this mission, even as the situation on the ground has deteriorated. The instability in Haiti is not only a humanitarian crisis, but a threat to our national security. We believe the MSS would advance the national security interests of the United States, demonstrate American leadership in the Caribbean, and provide a lifeline to the Haitian people.

Haiti is at an inflection point. Funding for the MSS is critical to jumpstart international efforts to improve the security situation. Without such efforts, it is very likely that Haiti will devolve into further chaos and potentially civil war. If the U.S. Congress acts decisively and together, Haiti has a fighting chance. If we dither and delay, we are likely to watch as the Haitian National Police collapses, violent gangs overrun the country, and irregular migration to the United States and countries across the region surges.

As Members of Congress, we have a shared responsibility—to assess how U.S. taxpayer dollars will be used to support the MSS. After more than 90 briefings by the State Department on the proposed use of funds, we believe that the burden of persuasion has been met and that it is time to release the remaining \$94 million.

Like you, we regard American leadership as indispensable, not only in the Indo-Pacific, the Middle East, Europe, and other regions far from our shores—but also, and perhaps especially, in

our own neighborhood. Again, we urge you to reconsider and lift your hold on this critical assistance.

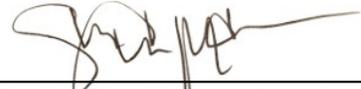
Sincerely,



Tim Kaine
United States Senator



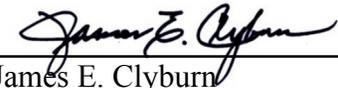
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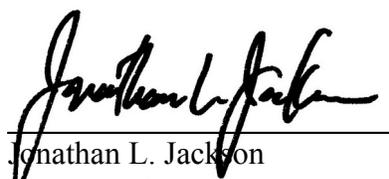
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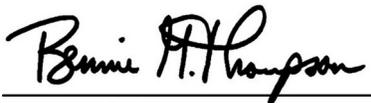
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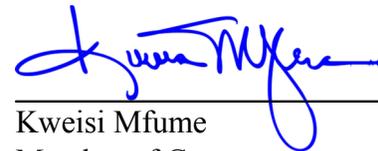
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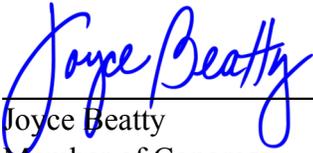
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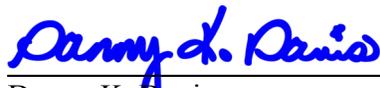
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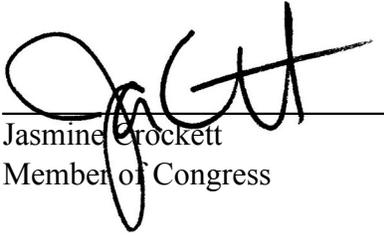
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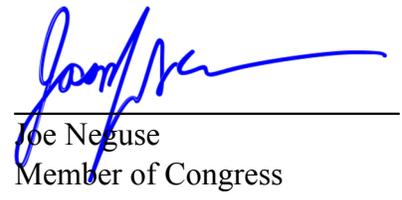
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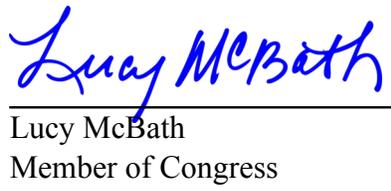
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